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NEWSLETTER OF THE PIKES PEAK GAY COMMUNITY CENTER

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CENTER NEWS

BOARD MEETING REPORT: The Meeting on September 20 was the regularly scheduled Annual Meeting for PPGCC. At that time members of the Center had the opportunity to submit by-law change proposals as well as any letters of intent to run for a Board position. No new by-law changes were proposed and no one filed a letter of intent at that time (see September's GAYSPEAK for the candidate information.)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: The annual report from the President overviewed the progress the Center has made in the last year. We have new, active and committed volunteers, we have a physical location, a productive working relationship with the Imperial Court of Southern Colorado (ICSC) and several other community groups.

We are all looking forward to continued growth and community interaction in the year to come.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: NO ANNUAL REPORT DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE ELECTED VICE PRESIDENT RESIGNED. Ruby Miller volunteered to act as Vice-President relatively recently. She did submit a monthly report. At that time she told about the Center being a help to a new member of our community who was in crises.

He came to the Center in need of a place to live--his need was critical. A volunteer was at the Center and was able to help. This man had a new home within 2 days. Ruby pointed out that "This was one more situation when the Center has played a vital part in solving a situation. We do need Center Volunteers to have the Center open for those in need.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: NONE (read by GAYSPEAK Editor). NO ANNUAL REPORT WAS SUBMITTED AS THERE HAS NOT BEEN AN ACTIVE SECRETARY IN SEVERAL MONTHS. THIS COLUMN IN GAYSPEAK HAS ESSENTIALLY TAKEN THE PLACE OF A SECRETARY'S REPORT.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

ANNUAL REPORT: SEPTEMBER 20, 1988

Total deposits from 10/87-9/88 $4530.61
(Memberships;donations;advertising from GAYSPEAK; MISC.)

Total debts from 10/87 to 9/88 $5148.19
(rent; HELPLINE; Telephone; GAYSPEAK; Postage; Advertising; misc. including flowers and fundraising costs)

Checking balance as of 9/20/88 $598.49
savings balance as of 9/20/88 $541.30
6 month C.D. bal. as of 9/20/88 $1000.00

total assets of PPGCC as of 9/20/88
$2139.79

GAYSPEAK: A complete copy of the GAYSPEAK ANNUAL report is on file at the Community Center. A synopsis of that report is as follows: Michelle Abdill volunteered to take over the responsibilities for putting together and distributing GAYSPEAK in January of 1988. The first issue was 4 pages and had $20.00 of advertising. The current issues are from 16 to 20 pages in length and have had as much as over $400.00 of advertising in them. For the first time in the history of GAYSPEAK (as far as we can ascertain), the newsletter is making money for the Community Center.

HELPLINE REPORT: The current HELPLINE Coordinator volunteered for the position in November 1987 after the previous Coordinator stepped down. A complete copy of the Annual report will be kept in The Center's library.

When he took over the HELPLINE was not functioning, a great deal of the resource material was missing and many of the current volunteers no longer wished to be involved.

As of the Annual Board Meeting, there are 17 active volunteers. These people work on the line a minimum of 9 hours each month as well as attending HELPLINE meetings, HELPLINE sponsored events, etc. Several of them staff the Line while they are at the Center, keeping the Center open.

It is very important to underscore the need for more Volunteers. The line is our link to the Community and we need it to be strong and viable.

IMPERIAL COURT OF SOUTHERN COLORADO:

The Labor Day Marathon was a great success, raising $3600.00. Over 90% of the items donated for the function were donated by Court members.

They also announced that Coronation will be moved from June to August in 1989.

Mark December 3 on your calendar, that is the date scheduled for the Winter Cotillion. For more information call Barb at 593-9606.

CHRISTOPHER ST.: Check the calendar for meeting times and dates.

SPEAKERS BUREAU: NO REPORT

CHRIST CHAPEL: Bible studies continue at the Center from 7p.m. to 9p.m. every Monday. Everyone is welcome.

They meet every Sunday morning at 10:30a.m. 7 to 9 p.m. and worship is open to everyone.

40+ WOMEN: "The baby is now a toddler!" The group will be celebrating its first year October 26. In the last year the members of the group have developed many new friendships and they have explored many different topics relevant to our lifestyle. The women plan to celebrate their Birthday with pizza and soft drinks.

The group also wanted to tell CGRA and the community how much they enjoyed the hayride and look forward to more joint activities.

PPMCC: CALENDAR FOR TIMES OF EVENTS.

SISTERS OF SAPPHO: The group named a Board representative and new contacts for the HELPLINE.

They were represented by a spokesperson who gave the Board a letter of concern. In the letter the group specified some concerns they had about the Center and the Board. After discussion the members of the group who were present said that they felt satisfied that their concerns had been responded to appropriately by the Board.

STEP ONE: We are going through yet another transition stage. We are still getting a lot of calls on the HELPLINE about the group but attendance has been low. We will be looking at making some changes in the group and the format. Please come to the meeting on November 1 and give us your input. DO WE NEED TO HAVE THE GROUP?

GALA: The HELPLINE personnel have not been able to make contact with this group and the coordinator asked that they be removed from our list of Center sponsored groups.

We cannot continue to tell people that we will have someone contact them from the group if WE can't make the initial contact. It was agreed that until GALA makes contact with the Center, we will no longer try to make referrals to

LGBQ: For more information about the group and their meeting times, call the HELPLINE.

COLORADO GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION: They have a new Board and include President, Stan R.; Vice-President/ P.R./ Fundraising Chair, Major; Recording Secty. Koshi; Treasurer, Craig B. Their new phone number is 599-7035. The group is looking forward to a full year of activities. They are planning to participate in the "From All Walks of Life" march in Denver.

CENTER COORDINATOR REPORT: She has put calendars up in the Center where volunteers and groups can mark the times when they would like to be at the Center.

All groups must turn in their rent on the last Wednesday of each month.

WE NEED A NEW CENTER COORDINATOR. OUR CURRENT COORDINATOR HAS BEEN ELECTED VICE PRESIDENT. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT A MEMBER OF THE BOARD.

S-CAP: S-CAP has become the newest Organization member of the Community Center. They will be one of the organizations that will benefit from the "FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE" fund raiser in Denver.

We welcome them and hope to work together even more closely than we have in the past.

UNITE: PPGCC welcomes a new group to the Community. UNITE is a group for women and men in our community. They plan to be a social group, offering some alternatives. Their first meeting is scheduled for Friday October 15 and they plan to meet every other Friday. They anticipate putting together a variety of activities including going to movies, bowling, pot lucks etc. If you are interested, give the HELPLINE a call, 471-4429.

LIBRARY: NO REPORT

OLD BUSINESS: The dates for the election was confirmed; the Board was given a Block Party (INTERACT 88') update. The Board once again discussed their need for more contact with Center sponsored support groups. It was explained that we need to know if appropriate referrals are being made by the HELPLINE, are those people reaching the groups, should the Board be helping groups with different projects, etc. It was also emphasized that when proposals are brought to the Board which require the involvement of PPGCC, that involvement is not just the 7 Board members. The Pikes Peak Gay Community Center is a group of people, people who are involved in several groups. The Center is for everyone and in turn is everyone's responsibility.

NEW BUSINESS: The Helpline Coordinator pointed out that the Board of Directors has the power to waive membership dues for any group and to give voting rights to those members. A motion was made and passed to give all support groups membership; each group should appoint a representative to the Board--that representative will have a vote at each meeting.

The hope is that this will give groups and individuals a heightened sense of involvement and responsibility for their Center.

The Court (ICSC) made a proposal regarding the annual Thanksgiving Dinner; they then made a motion to table the recommendation, waiting for the next board meeting when the new Board will be in place.

Their proposal is discussed in an article elsewhere in this issue.

A motion was made and passed for the Board to donate $50.00 to CGRA'S group participating in Denver's "From All Walks of Life". It was pointed out that a portion of the funds raised by this march will benefit Colorado Spring's S-CAP.

CGRA, ICSC, PPGCC, MCC, S-CAP, PPMCC, CC, LGBQ, 40+: WHAT DO THEY ALL MEAN?

A concerned community member asked GAYSPEAK a very good question..."What do all those letters mean?"

We apologize if we have not spelled out what the letters in the abbreviated names of groups and organization mean.

From now on we will include a KEY to help clarify the alphabet soup. We appreciate constructive criticisms and welcome any more suggestions you may have.

KEY TO NAME ABBREVIATIONS: (If we miss any, please let us know.)

PPGCC: PIKES PEAK GAY COMMUNITY CENTER;
PPMCC: PIKES PEAK METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH;
ICSC: IMPERIAL COURT OF SOUTHERN COLORADO;
SOS: SISTERS OF SAPPHO;
40+: 40 PLUS WOMEN
CGRA: COLORADO GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION;
LGBQ: LESBIAN, GAY, BI-SEXUAL AND QUESTIONING;
S-CAP: SOUTHERN COLORADO AIDS PROJECT;
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ELECTIONS ARE OVER:

PRESIDENT GIVEN VOTE OF CONFIDENCE

PPGCC Board of Directors elections were held on October 9, 1988. Those elected will serve one year.

The only contested position was that of President. Ed Sells was reelected by a landslide.

The new Board is as follows: President, Ed; Vice President, Carolyn K; Secretary, Kay B.; Treasurer, Tim S.; Speakers Bureau Coordinator, Ruby M.; HELPLINE Coordinator, Harry S.; GAYSPEAK Editor, Michelle A.

As a Board we look forward to a very positive, busy year. We are all committed to working with the Community to build a strong, UNIFIED, HARMONIOUS community for all of us.

GROUP EXPRESSES CONCERN OVER ELECTION PROCESS AND CENTER FUNCTIONING

Just before the election, a couple of members of the Board were contacted by concerned members of our community.

They indicated that they were in contact with a large group of people who were very unhappy with the lack of choices for candidates in the election and that they weren't happy about some of the people on the board and some of the candidates.

Board members met with a small group of people (most all of whom had been at the Annual Board meeting) and four new committees were suggested. They will be officially proposed at the Board meeting on October 18. Those new committees include "Election/Candidate Committee"; "Job Description Committee"; "By-Laws Committee"; and a Committee to look into developing a "Discount Program" for local businesses.

The board and those community members who were at the meeting strongly urge those people who have concerns to get involved. It takes more than a handful of people to get things done.

LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Community;

The Pikes Peak Gay Community Center is beginning a new year and I believe that we, the Board, are excited and enthusiastic about all of the possibilities we see for the Gay community of Southern Colorado.

Part of that enthusiasm comes from knowing that we have a FULL BOARD. We have had to fill in for empty positions for the last several months, now that will no longer be an issue.

But I, Michelle Abdill, am suffering from some nagging concerns.

Those concerns are very simple. It is amazingly easy to criticize and complain that things aren't as you would like them, but it seems to be much more difficult to get involved and change things.

One criticism levelled at me by an anonymous person was "too much ego, one person cannot take over everything." Well, because this person has not talked with me about their feelings, I find it difficult to respond. I must also say that because it was anonymous I find it hard to take seriously.

But what I do take VERY seriously is the misconception that I or any of the other Board members are on some sort of "power trip." Let's get serious! The hours I put into the paper are for me and the community. Yes,I enjoy it, but believe me if someone else had stepped forward and offered to do the paper I could find many other things to do with the 40 to 60 hours a month I put into this.

And to the other anonymous "THEY" we hear so much about. I appreciate the fact that you have concerns but I would really appreciate it if you would get involved and put your energy where your mouth is. A few have done just that; they were concerned and they are committing their time to help and to make the changes they feel are important. I applaud you!

This is a time when we MUST WORK TOGETHER| No one is going to do it for us. We, as a community must pull together, communicate and be positive. We must truly see ourselves as a FAMILY, not petty, bickering children.

Personally I want to assure the community of my willingness to continue to work towards a Unified, Positive, Healthy Community. I can't emphasize enough my personal wish that you would also make a commitment to your community and get involved.

Come to the next Board meeting, attend a group, come to the Center. GET INVOLVED!!.

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I have read your paper before and I thought that if I wrote to you, maybe you could find it in your heart to help me. I just need someone...anyone, to correspond and share my feelings with. My family and friends have long forgotten me. I do not receive any mail at all|

I just don't know how much longer I can handle the emptiness inside. Sir, if there is anyway, anyway at all that you could help me find a friend I would be eternally grateful to you. It would make my life much more bearable to live.

Maybe you can print this small add or just put it on the bulletin board. The only payment I can offer is the feeling you will get from helping someone who really needed it.

Thanks for your time. I really hope you can help me and if you can't, thanks

for trying.

Sincerely, Norman Zaro.

Please send SASE (Self Addressed Stamped Envelope) to N. Zaro, POB C-96018, Represa, CA, 95671

Dear Norman,

As you can see by your issue of GAYSPEAK, I have printed your whole letter. It seems that sometimes we forget that other people are dealing with problems that we don't understand.

Thank you for writing to us, I hope someone in our community will find a few moments in their lives and write to you, we will be putting you on our mailing list so that you can get a free copy of the Newsletter.

Write to us and let us know how you are doing. I know that several hundred people will read your letter and many will wonder about you even if they don't write.

Good Luck! Michelle, Editor

WORK NIGHTS BUT STILL WANT TO ATTEND A GROUP?

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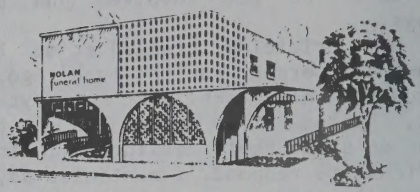

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FIRST ANNUAL DOG SHOW AND CHILI SAMPLING

The Imperial Court of Southern Colorado/PPGCC HELPLINE's First Annual Dog Show and Chili-Cookoff was a mixed success.

The September 18th event at The Counsel Grounds in Palmer Park was attended by about 30 humans and seven canines, a special guest appearance was made by the ever popular Mr. Ed, turning the heads of all contestants.

One person made chili and was announced the Grand Prize Winner (event sponsors hope to drum up competition for next year.)

All of the dog competitors were awarded ribbons with Bob's Megan winning first place and Rick's Gizmo taking a close second, in the "Butchest" category.

The very popular "Most Feminine" competition was dominated Miss Shadow, Arno's Shurna was second, Matt's Daisy finished third and Rick's Martena rounded out the field.

Martena swept the "Most Unusual Trick" category.

Shadow was the "Best Trained Dog", Martena a close second and Gizmo was right

in there for third.

Stan and Dennis' Baby was the "Best In Drag."

In stiff competition, Daisy won "Most Unusual Mixed Breed", followed by Shurna, Gizmo and Megan.

All contestants report having a wonderful time though some of them were seen being rather aggressive in their efforts to psych-out the competition.

The money raised by this event will be donated by ICSC and the HELPLINE to the Humane Society (over $160.00).

COURT PROPOSES ANNUAL COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

Once again, the ICSC is organizing the annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner. They are proposing that they will take responsibility for raising the necessary funds to purchase the food, while PPGCC and each of its support groups will provide two volunteers each to prepare and serve Thanksgiving Dinner, "thus showing a united community effort to provide a place for people with no place to go, and others within the Gay community to share the Thanksgiving Holiday with each other."

This year's dinner is tentatively scheduled to be held at the Iron Springs Chateau in Manitou Springs.

This motion will be addressed at the October PPGCC Board meeting and should be approved by the Board.

It is an opportunity for the Community to work together for all of us.

GAY COMMUNITY SEES ITSELF AS PART OF LARGER COMMUNITY (by: Kim G.)

We are indeed everywhere. We... gays...are men, women, old and young. We are all colors, all religions, and share a variety of belief systems not at all unique to being gay.

Some of us are involved in our Community Center, many more are not. Hopefully this will change. Time will tell.

But today, now, there are members of our Family who are hungry and some who are homeless. There are even more non-gays who have no place to go with a cold winter staring them in the face.

There are many of us who feel the need to help, even if it is in a small way. A group of community people, including the Board of Directors want to put our concerns into action.

The Center will be conducting a food drive and raising funds to help those who need our help in our community.

At this time they are talking about helping the Soup Kitchen. It is their understanding that the Kitchen feeds 300 or more people at each meal. Many of those people are children.

The Holidays are a time when we all feel particularly blessed or forgotten depending on our circumstances; and those of us with something to be thankful for often look to those less fortunate. What happens during the rest of the year?

I would like to challenge our Community to take interest and invest in a group; work with them year round, not just once a year.

If you have any suggestions or special needs, please contact the Board or leave a message on the HELPLINE 471-4429.

INTERACT 88' A SUCCESS

INTERACT 88' was held at the Iron Springs Chateau in Manitou Springs on October 9.

Several community groups took part and there were a variety of booths there, offering a variety of "wares."

PPGCC Voting also took place at this annual event.

It was a very successful day, one that should be even bigger and better next year.

COLORADO GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION AND COLUMBINE LODGE SPONSOR EVENT

CGRA and Columbine Lodge are sponsoring a weekend of events at the Lodge in Green Mountain Falls, November 12 and 13.

They will feature shows by the Mile High Squares (Denver's gay square dancers) and the Denver Country Cloggers.

The Lodge is offering a package that includes the shows, lodging and Breakfast on Sunday morning, as well as tickets for just the show. For more information call CGRA at 5997035 or Columbine Lodge, 684-9062.

CHRISTMAS IS ALMOST HERE...
WE ARE GETTING READY ARE YOU?

Christmas will be here before you know it and to help get ready the Board of PPGCC has tentatively planned to hold "Santa's Workshop" on December 17 from 1 to 4. The proceeds will go to help buy the basics needed by the Soup Kitchen.

We will also be conducting a toy drive. Toys collected from the community will be given to children in the Community by Santa himself at Santa's Workshop. Any toys left over will be given to the Court to add to their collection for Toys for Tots.

We are also planning a "cookie swap" and bake sale as well as having hot chocolate, cider, etc. at this first annual event.

Details are still sketchy at this time but more should be decided at the Board meeting. We need people to be on a committee to set this up. Lets make this Christmas special for everyone!

DO YOU HAVE PLANS FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE?

Do you have plans for New Year's Eve? Are you interested in putting together a "safe and sober" celebration welcoming in the new year?

If so, call the HELPLINE and leave a message or contact a Board member.

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JEWISH LESBIAN DAUGHTERS OF HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS HOLD SEVENTH GATHERING

On November 9, 1938--on what became known as Kristallnacht--the Holocaust began.

Fifty years later, Jewish Lesbian Daughters of Holocaust Survivors (JLDHS) will gather to commemorate that night in a weekend of discussion, support and networking around issues faced by children of survivors.

For further information write Box 6194, Boston, MA 02114.

MEMORIAL QUILT RETURNS TO WASHINGTON D.C., THOUSANDS GATHER TO REMEMBER

WASHINGTON--Amid tears and grief, thousands of people who have died of AIDS were memorialized October 8, 1988 in ceremonies centered on a huge quilt made by friends and family members of the victims.

"One of the most important things we get here today is the strength and sense of community we can feel, and the knowledge that this terrible disease affects everyone," said Cleve Jones, director of the Names Project.

Jones, 34, is the founder of the San Francisco based commemorative project, which involved making a huge fabric quilt that was spread out on the Ellipse, south of the White House.

While hundreds of people walked among the panels on the sunny, chilly morning, volunteers read the names of thousands of

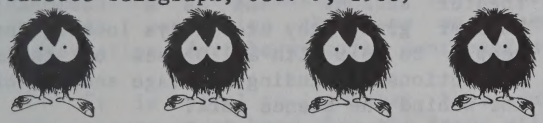
AIDS victims.

The quilt includes the names of about one-fifth of the approximately 42,000 Americans known to have died of AIDS since 1981.

"It's a very beautiful thing, but it's built on corpses," Jones said.

One of the visitors was Lillian Mello, of San Jose, Calif. Her 23 year old son, Patrick, died last Christmas Eve.

With tears in her eyes, she wrote on a blank panel of the quilt: "I pray that mothers and fathers will love and stand by their sons and daughters even when they don't understand or accept their lifestyle." She signed it: "A mother who's glad she did." (printed in the Gazette Telegraph, Oct. 9, 1988)



NATIONWIDE OBSERVANCES URGED TO REMEMBER 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF HARVEY MILK'S ASSASSINATION

The Harvey Milk Remembrance Committee, an ad hoc group organized by the Gay Services Network of Kansas City and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, has declared Sunday, November 27--the 10th Anniversary of Harvey Milk's assassination--to be Harvey Milk Remembrance Day. The Committee urges gay and lesbian groups across the U.S. to hold events, remembering Milk and focusing attention on the growing problem of anti-gay violence.

Harvey Milk, a tireless and outspoken advocate for the rights of gay people and other oppressed groups, was elected to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors in 1977, one of the first openly gay elected officials in the U.S. On November 27, 1978, Milk--along with San Francisco Mayor George Moscone--was assassinated by Dan White, another city Supervisor. That night, more than 40,000 marchers converged on San Francisco's City Hall to mourn the deaths of both men. Months later, White was acquitted by a jury of first degree murder and convicted of manslaughter--for which he served only five years in prison.

Commented Scott Smith, Executor of Milk's estate, "A national day of remembrance is appropriate because Harvey's legacy extends beyond San Francisco to the entire world. Ten years later, his example continues to inspire and energize gay and lesbian people everywhere." (National Gay & Lesbian Task Force)

The task force included a "packet" of information regarding the Observance. It includes some suggestions for services, vigils and other events.

GAYSPEAK supports this effort and would be very interested in working with members of the community who would like to organize an event. Some suggestions are a showing of the film, The Times of Harvey Milk, a candle light vigil, special church services, contacting the Parks Department and planting a memorial tree, etc.

Please contact the Board if you are interested in working together on this important project.

CONDOM STUDY SHOWS DRAMATIC SAFETY DIFFERENCES AMONG BRANDS

A preliminary report from a federally funded study at UCLA has reported dramatic differences in 31 condom brands tested for their ability to protect against leakage of the HIV virus.

The preliminary rankings from the tests show at least eight brands as excellent at protecting against the AIDS virus, while at least five were of questionable effectiveness.

In addition to possible deficiencies among condom brands, studies have shown that many gay men do not know how to use a condom correctly, and this too can compound the problem of transmission of the HIV virus.

According to Carla Edwards, Director of the Total AIDS Prevention Program at The Center/Long Beach, the condom must have the air at the tip aspirated, leaving room for the ejaculation, and the condom must be rolled all the way down.

The condom should also be used with a water-soluble lubricant (oil-based lubricants have been shown to cause condoms to break.) In addition a spermicide such as nonoxynol-9 should be used.

The following is a partial list of the condom's tested, followed by their safety and effectiveness rating.

TOP TEN FOR SAFETY: Mentor, 98.9; Ramses Non-Lube 91.3; Ramses Sensitol, 91.3; Gold Circle Coin, 85.2; Gold Circle, 83.7; Sheik Elite, 83.7; Durex Nuform, 81.7; Pleaser, 80.2; Ramses Extra, 78.7; Embrace Her, 77.3.

THE FIVE LEAST SAFE: Tahiti, 62.7; Lifestyles Conture 60.9; Lifestyles Nuda 60.6; Trojan Ribbed Natural, 57.7; Contracept Plus 21.3.

(the CENTER POST)

A copy of the complete article will be posted in the Community Center, 313 N. Tejon, Colo. Spgs.

CALENDAR

TUES. OCT. 18: PPMCC BOARD MEETING, 7P.M. AT THE CENTER, EVERYONE IS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

WED. OCT. 19: 40+ discussion, 7p.m.; S-CAP MEETING, Call them for location.

THURS. OCT. 20: S.O.S. 7:30P.M.

FRI. OCT. 21: NO STEP ONE (see article); GAY AA Doctor's Hospital, 8p.m.

SAT. OCT. 22:

SUN. OCT. 23: Christ Chapel, 10:30a.m.; PPMCC worship/social hour, 5p.m.

MON. OCT. 24: Christ Chapel, Bible Study 7p.m.; GAY AA 8p.m. Doctor's Hospital 8p.m.

TUES. OCT. 25:

WED. OCT. 26: 40+ WOMEN, 7P.M., FIRST ANNIVERSARY BIRTHDAY PARTY!!

THURS. OCT 27: S.O.S. 7:30P.M.

FRI. OCT. 28: GAY AA 8P.M. Doctor's Hospital

SAT. OCT. 29:

SUN. OCT. 30: Christ Chapel 10:30a.m.; PPMCC worship/social hour, 5p.m.

MON. OCT. 31: HALLOWEEN; Christ Chapel Bible Study, 7p.m.

TUES. NOV.1: STEP ONE, 7p.m. at the Center, WE WILL BE DISCUSSING WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS A NEED FOR THE GROUP AND CONSIDERING A PROPOSAL TO TEMPORARILY JOIN WITH CHRISTOPHER ST.

WED. NOV.2: 40+ WOMEN, discussion on Lesbians and Family of Origin 7p.m.

THURS. NOV. 3. SOS, 7:30p.m.

FRI. NOV. 4: GAY AA, 8p.m. at Doctor's Hospital.

SAT. NOV. 5:

SUN. NOV.6: Christ Chapel 10:30A.M.; 5p.m. PPMCC worship/social hour.

MON. NOV.7: Christopher St. 7p.m. at the Center; Christ Chapel Bible Study, 7p.m. at the Center.

TUES. NOV. 8: HELPLINE MEETING, 6:30p.m. at the Center.

WED. NOV. 9: 40+ WOMEN, Planning and Birthday night, 7p.m.

THURS. NOV. 10: SOS 7:30p.m.

FRI. NOV. 11: GAY AA 8p.m. at Doctor's Hospital;

SAT. NOV. 12: CGRA AND COLUMBINE LODGE PRESENT MILE HIGH SQUARES AND DENVER COUNTRY CLOGGERS (see article)

SUN. NOV.13: Christ Chapel, 10:30a.m.;PPMCC worship/social hour 5p.m.; ICSC Turkey Shoot, benefit fund raiser for Annual Thanksgiving Dinner.

MON. NOV. 14: Christ Chapel Bible Study, 7p.m. at the Center.

TUES. NOV. 15: PPGCC BOARD MEETING 7p.m.

WED. NOV. 16: 40+ WOMEN, discuss Holy Unions, 7p.m.

THURS. NOV.17: SOS 7:30p.m.

FRI. NOV. 18: GAY AA, Doctor's Hospital, 8p.m.

REMEMBER THANKSGIVING IS NOVEMBER 24 AND THE ANNUAL FREE COMMUNITY DINNER WILL BE HELD AT THE IRON SPRINGS CHATEAU FROM 1 TO 4, THANKSGIVING DAY. FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL THE HELPLINE, 471-4429 OR THE COURT.

WATCH FOR SANTA'S WORKSHOP--A PPGCC COMMUNITY EVENT, DECEMBER 17.

STAR BAR PLAYERS TO PRESENT A FREE EVENING WITH GERTRUDE STEIN

The Star Bar Players, "Colorado Springs' last Community Theatre group," will be presenting "An Evening With Gertrude Stein," starring Dixie McGuire with musical accompaniement by Betty Moore, on November 2, 8p.m. at the Lon Chaney Theater.

This one woman presentation will be presented free of charge (donations will be accepted), and should be of special interest to the Gay community as Stein and her partner Alice B. Toklas are a special part of our culture.

Star Bar Players will be offering a wide range of productions, in the upcoming theater season. And as a Community Theater group they are always looking for people to help with all phases of their productions including on stage and all of the behind the scenes work.

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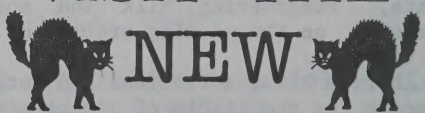

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GAYSPEAK has tried several different approaches in an effort to get the newsletter out to you at the same time each month.

Our latest effort, changing the print date to mid-month has not worked.

In an effort to get the newsletter to you between the 1st and 5th of each month, you must have ALL COPY AND ADVERTISING TO US BY THE FIFTEENTH (15TH) OF EACH MONTH.

Advertising and news deadlines will be the same for everyone.

We will continue to try to overlap the calendar information so that our readers can plan ahead so we need information for the upcoming month-and-a-half.

It is vital to remember that our advertisers must know when the paper will come out each month--we need your help in making sure it works.

We also need advertisers to remember that we operate on a shoe-string budget. We need you to pay for your advertising, preferably at the same time you turn in your copy. That way we can pay to have the paper printed.

Please help us, so that we can be the most effective source of information for the gay community as we can be.

On the positive side we have new volunteers to help make this work even better. Larry K. has agreed to take on the responsibility for distribution. He and other volunteers will make sure the paper is mailed and distributed as it should be. We thank him and the other volunteers!

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THE PELICAN CLUB

Halloween Party

Saturday, Oct. 29th

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